### MEMORANDUM

September 9, 1992

TO:

SENATOR DOLE

FROM:

JIM MCMILLAN

RE:

REMARKS TO SEN. PRESSLER'S HARVARD LAW SEMINAR

You are scheduled to speak to Sen. Pressler's one day seminar for about 300 Harvard Law School graduates (classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972) and Rhodes Scholars (from 1963, 1964, and 1965) on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Russell 325. C-Span is expected to cover the event. I have attached a copy of the seminar schedule.

You are to speak for up to 15 minutes and to take questions for about 5 minutes. The subject matter of your remarks is listed on the program as "The Role of a Republican Leader." This is dealt with in your prepared remarks. Needless to say, you are also free to speak on any other matters that you might want to share with the group.

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"WASHINGTON SEMINAR II" SEPTEMBER 10, 1992

Sponsored by U.S. Senator Larry Pressler

MORNING SESSION 325 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING 9:00 - 11:45

> REGISTRATION 9:00 - 9:30

WELCOME BY SENATOR LARRY PRESSLER 9:30 - 9:40

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND ANALYSIS OF THE 1992 PRESIDENTIAL RACE Ken Bode - Correspondent, CNN 9:45 - 10:15

> WHY ARE SO MANY MEMBERS LEAVING CONGRESS? Senator Kent Conrad, North Dakota Senator Tim Wirth, Colorado 10:15 - 10:45

FIGHTING CRIME IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL: CAN THE WAR BE WON?

Jay Stephens, U.S. Attorney for District of Columbia

10:45 - 11:10

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE CLARENCE THOMAS NOMINATION BATTLE Senator Alan Simpson, Wyoming 11:10 - 11:30

> WEAPON SYSTEMS: PLANNING FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS Senator John Warner, Virginia 11:30 - 11:45

> > LUNCHEON
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> > 902 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
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> > NOON - 1:30 p.m.
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> > FOREIGN POLICY FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS
> >
> > Senator Richard Lugar, Indiana

AFTERNOON SESSION
325 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
2:00 - 4:15 p.m.

THE ROLE OF A LAWYER/LOBBYIST AND CONGRESS Dick Wiley, Former FCC Chairman 2:00 - 2:20

HIGHLIGHTS OF S & L CLEANUP Peter Monroe, President, Resolution Trust Corporation 2:20 - 2:40

HOW DO WE GET GOOD PEOPLE TO RUN FOR CONGRESS? Senator Trent Lott, Mississippi 2:40 - 3:00

> OVERVIEW OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY Senator Claiborne Pell, Phode Island Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Kansas 3:00 - 3:30

THE ROLE OF A REPUBLICAN LEADER Senator Robert Dole, Kansas 3:30 - 3:50

RUNNING A GREAT UNIVERSITY IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL Stephen Trachtenberg, President, George Washington University 3:50 - 4:10

> RECEPTION MIKE MANSFIELD ROOM U.S. CAPITOL ROOM 207 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6125

August 6, 1992

will speak

The Hon. Robert Dole United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 - regret

Dear Bob:

On Thursday, September 10, 1992, I am sponsoring a cne-day Washington seminar for approximately 300 of my Harvard Law School classmates from the classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972 and my fellow Rhodes Scholars from 1963, 1964 and 1965. The enclosed invitation letter describes the activities planned for the seminar. At our last seminar, C-Span ran the procedings nationally twice. We have invited C-Span to cover our speakers this year. I expect they will.

The purpose of this letter is to ask whether you might be willing to participate in the program. The seminar will be held in the Senate Caucus Room and will begin at 9:30 and continue throughout the day. I would be most appreciative if you would be willing to address this distinguished group for 10 to 15 minutes. At this point, the agenda is still somewhat flexible, and can be adjusted to your schedule that day. In addition, we are very flexible regarding topics.

I hope you will be able to join us. I know how busy your schedule is. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions, or have your staff contact Beckie Erickson of my office at 224-5842. Because we are trying to prepare an agenda for the participants, an early response would be most helpful. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Larry Pressler

United States Senator

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6125

July 16, 1992

### Dear Friend:

I am pleased to invite you to attend a Washington, DC Seminar on public policy issues on Thursday, September 10, 1992, for my 1971 Harvard Law School classmates and those who graduated the year before and after. I am also inviting my fellow Rhodes Scholars from around the 1964 period. The first seminar of this type was held in October, 1987. We received so many favorable comments after the first seminar, I have decided to hold another one. In fact, the 1987 seminar was televised nationally by C-SPAN. One of the advantages of being a U.S. Senator is being able to invite some friends down for a day to see our government in action. This will not be an official Harvard Law School reunion, nor is it a fundraiser!

The day will be patterned on the 1987 seminar, which included discussions with a Supreme Court Justice, White House staff, national journalists and several of my Senate colleagues. The lineup of speakers and panelists this year should be similar, although the specific personalities may change. I will talk about issues before the Foreign Relations Committee, on which I serve. The meetings will take place in the historic Senate Caucus Room in the Russell Senate Office Building from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. A luncheon in the Hart Senate Office Building and a closing evening reception from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the U.S. Capitol are scheduled.

I am writing now in case you and your family would like to plan an extra day or to see the sites in our nation's capital and visit with other Members of Congress. The only cost for the seminar other than your hotel and airline expenses would be a nominal fee of \$60.00 per person to cover the luncheon and evening reception. Spouses or guests are welcome to join us for the day; however, you will need to include \$60.00 for each person attending.

By August 8th, I would like to determine a count of those planning to attend. Please fill out the enclosed RSVP form and return it to me. If you have any questions, please contact Beckie Erickson in my office at 202/224-5842. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Larry Pressler United States Senator

Enclosure

# REMARKS FOR PRESSLER SEMINAR SENATOR BOB DOLE SEPTEMBER 10, 1992

IT'S AN HONOR TO BE
 ADDRESSING SUCH A
 DISTINGUISHED GROUP.
 WITH ALL OF THE BRAIN
 POWER IN THIS ROOM, WE

SHOULD PUT YOU TO WORK
ON SOLVING THE DEFICIT
OR THE HEALTH CARE
CRISIS.

• MY GOOD FRIEND -SENATOR PRESSLER -- HAS
ASKED ME TO SPEAK
BRIEFLY REGARDING MY
RESPONSIBILITIES AS
REPUBLICAN LEADER. LET

ME JUST SAY FROM THE BEGINNING THAT WHILE I THINK I AM A GREAT REPUBLICAN LEADER, I WOULD BE AN EVEN BETTER MAJORITY LEADER. **CERTAINLY, ANYTHING YOU** CAN DO IN THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

SERIOUSLY FOLKS, LET ME JUST STATE THE OBVIOUS --THAT THE JOB OF REPUBLICAN LEADER IS DIFFERENT EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY. INDEED, THE ONLY THING THAT REMAINS THE SAME AROUND THIS PLACE ARE LATE NIGHTS, ROLL CALL

VOTES, PARTISAN BICKERING, AND FUNDRAISERS.

- AS REPUBLICAN LEADER, I
   AM ALWAYS WEARING
   THREE HATS.
- AS THE SENIOR SENATOR
  FROM KANSAS, I AM
  CHARGED WITH
  REPRESENTING THE

INTERESTS OF MY STATE --THE INTERESTS OF FARMERS, OF SMALL **BUSINESSES AND SMALL** BANKS AND OF RURAL COMMUNITIES ENTITLED TO THE SAME SERVICES AND BENEFITS AS LARGE URBAN AREAS -- TO NAME BUT A FEW OF MY CONSTITUENT

## INTERESTS.

IN ADDITION, I ALSO WEAR THE HAT OF THE LEADER OF MY REPUBLICAN **COLLEAGUES IN THE** SENATE. IN THIS CONNECTION, I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR **OVERSEEING THEIR** INTERESTS AND IN HELPING TO FACILITATE THE
BUSINESS OF THE SENATE.

THE LAST HAT I WEAR IS AS AN ENVOY OF THE **ADMINISTRATION --**REPRESENTING ITS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND INTERESTS IN THE SENATE. IN THIS CONNECTION, I AM OFTEN INVOLVED IN

WORKING OUT
COMPROMISES BETWEEN
THE DEMOCRATCONTROLLED CONGRESS
AND THE WHITE HOUSE.
THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF

THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF
THE MOST CHALLENGING
ASPECTS OF THE JOB. IF
THERE'S NO COMPROMISE,
YOU END UP WITH

GRIDLOCK, VETO, AND A LOT OF PARTISAN **BICKERING. INDEED, WITH** THE ELECTION ONLY 54 DAYS AWAY, WE ARE SEEING A LOT LESS ACTION AND A LOT MORE OF THAT BICKERING.

• CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME SAY, CONGRESS AS AN

INSTITUTION IS NOT BROKEN. BY DEFINITION, THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IS -- AND SHOULD BE --**CAUTIOUS AND** DELIBERATIVE. THIS GREAT NATION'S NEEDS AND PROBLEMS ARE CHALLENGING AND COMPLICATED.

- IT TAKES TIME TO CRAFT
  THE APPROPRIATE
  RESPONSE, AND I AM OF
  THE SCHOOL THAT NO
  RESPONSE IS BETTER THAN
  A BAD RESPONSE.
- HOWEVER, THAT WE CAN'T
  DO A BETTER JOB OR THAT
  REFORMS ARE NOT

NEEDED. INDEED, WITH A
PUBLIC APPROVAL RATING
OF AROUND 20 PERCENT,
IT'S QUITE CLEAR THAT THE
CONGRESS IS NOT DOING
ITS JOB AS WELL AS IT
SHOULD BE.

• IN THIS SENATOR'S HUMBLE
OPINION, WHAT THE
SYSTEM NEEDS MOST IS

NOT TERM LIMITS OR OTHER SUCH DRASTIC CHANGES. THE VOTER ALREADY HAS THE POWER TO LIMIT HIS OR HER REPRESENTATIVES' TERMS AT THE VOTING BOOTH. RATHER, WHAT THE

INSTITUTION NEEDS MOST IS COMPREHENSIVE

REFORM OF OUR CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM.

- ANY EFFORT WORTHY OF
   THE NAME "REFORM" MUST
   LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD
   TO GIVE CHALLENGERS A
   FIGHTING CHANCE AND TO
   MAKE ELECTIONS MORE
   COMPETITIVE.
- THAT'S WHY CAMPAIGN

FINANCE REFORM PROPOSALS I HAVE MADE IN THE PAST INCLUDE CREATING A "SEED MONEY" **FUND THROUGH THE** POLITICAL PARTIES, LIMITATIONS ON PACS, AND REQUIRING BROADCASTERS TO PROVIDE TV AND RADIO TIME TO THE CANDIDATES.

- BY MAKING THE SYSTEM MORE FAIR, YOU MAKE IT MORE ACCOUNTABLE AND OPEN. THIS WAY THE INSTITUTION BECOMES MORE AN ARM OF THE PEOPLE AND LESS AN ARM OF ITSELF.
- HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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